

SERVICE AVIATION (CONTINUED)

Royal Air Force Appointments

General Duties Branch

Air Commodore.—F. G. D. Hards, D.S.C., D.F.C., to H.Q., Coastal Command, Lee-on-the-Solent; for duty as Air Officer-in-Charge of Administration, 24.1.38.

Group Captains.—M. Henderson, C.I.E., D.S.O., to H.Q., Training Command, Market Drayton; for duty as Senior Equipment Staff Officer, 15.1.38. K. R. Park, M.C., D.F.C., A.D.C., to R.A.F. Station, Tangmere; to command, 3.1.38.

Wing Commanders.—S. B. Harris, D.F.C., A.F.C., to R.A.F. Station, Hucknall; to command, 17.1.38. H. J. Collins, to Directorate of Personal Services, Air Ministry, 2.1.38. F. H. E. Reeve, to H.Q., No. 11 (F.) Group, Uxbridge; for Signals duties, 19.1.38.

Squadron Leaders.—J. W. Gillan, to No. 111 (F.) Squadron, Northolt; to command, 20.10.37. J. A. McDonald, to Directorate of Signals, Air Ministry, 26.1.38. R. S. Blucke, to H.Q., Bomber Command, Uxbridge; for Signals duties, 17.1.38. W. Smith, to Directorate of Signals, Air Ministry, 3.12.37. A. J. Brister, to Directorate of Signals, Air Ministry, 3.12.37. H. J. Walker, to R.A.F. Station, Lee-on-the-Solent; for Engineer duties, 10.1.38. W. T. Holmes, to Directorate of Operations and Intelligence, Air Ministry, 15.1.38. A. C. Mitchell, to No. 7 F.T.S., Peterborough; for duty as Chief Flying Instructor, 17.1.38. M. Wiblin, to R.A.F. College, Cranwell; for flying duties in Advanced Training Squadron, 12.1.38. H. I. Cozens, to No. 19 (F.) Squadron, Duxford; to command, 1.1.38. R. L. R. Atcherley, to H.Q., Training Command, Market Drayton; for Air Staff duties, 1.1.38. I. O'B. MacGregor, to No. 4 (A.C.) Squadron, Odiham; to command, 15.1.38. C. R. Hancock, D.F.C., to Directorate of Staff Duties, Air Ministry, 15.1.38. F. M. V. May, to D.T.D., Air Ministry, 15.1.38. F. E. Bond, to H.Q., Coastal Command, Lee-on-the-Solent; for Personnel Staff duties, 17.1.38. F. G. Cator, to No. 113 (B.) Squadron, Grantham; to command, 7.1.38. D. L. Evans, M.C., D.F.C., to No. 5 F.T.S., Sealand; for Administrative duties, 4.1.38.

Flight Lieutenants.—W. C. Cooper, to Special Duty List; whilst employed at Royal Aircraft Establishment, South Farnborough, 20.12.37. F. R. Drew, to No. 228 (G.R.) Squadron, Pembroke Dock, 14.12.37. E. Foster, to No. 74 (F.) Squadron, Hornchurch, 5.1.38. H. W. Marlow, to C.F.S., Upavon, 6.1.38. W. P. Welch, to School of Air Navigation, Manston, 4.1.38. D. P. Barclay, to No. 211 (B.) Squadron, Grantham, 13.1.38. A. T. D. Sanders, to No. 10 F.T.S., Tern Hill, 5.1.38. M. F. B. Read, to R.A.F. Station, Aldergrove, 13.1.38. E. C. W. S. Smith, to H.Q., No. 26 (Training) Group, Hendon, 24.1.38. M. B. Edwards, to No. 53 (A.C.) Squadron, South Farnborough, 17.1.38. H. M. Cox, to No. 50 (B.) Squadron, Waddington, 17.1.38. P. F. Canning, to Station Flight, Abingdon, 10.1.38. T. W. Hodgson, to No. 4 (A.C.) Squadron, Odiham, 23.12.37. R. E. Barnett, M.B.E., to School of Naval Co-operation, Ford,

13.1.38. A. C. P. Carver, to No. 43 (F.) Squadron, Tangmere, 23.1.38. W. G. Devas, to No. 66 (F.) Squadron, Duxford, 22.1.38. D. W. H. Gardner, to No. 88 (B.) Squadron, Boscombe Down, 19.1.38. W. B. Murray and A. R. Collins, to School of Photography, South Farnborough, 2.1.38. E. A. Howell and G. A. V. Knyvett, to No. 1 A.A.S., Eastchurch, 16.1.38. T. R. Vickers, to H.Q., No. 3 (B.) Group, Mildenhall, 10.1.38. B. Paddock, to School of Air Navigation, Manston, 27.12.37. G. F. W. Heycock, to Experimental Section, Royal Aircraft Establishment, South Farnborough, 14.1.38. W. N. Ash, W. F. Beckwith, R. G. R. Buckley, J. R. MacLachlan, E. Shipley, W. D. Woods and T. G. Young, to Home Aircraft Depot, Henlow, 3.1.38.

Equipment Branch

Wing Commander.—W. A. Kingston, to H.Q., Fighter Command, Stanmore; for Equipment Staff Duties, 19.1.38.

Squadron Leaders.—F. A. Skoulding, to Directorate of Equipment, Air Ministry; for Equipment (Stores) Staff duties, 8.1.38. B. W. Hemsley, M.B.E., to No. 1 A.A.S., Eastchurch; for Equipment duties, 16.1.38.

Flight Lieutenant.—J. E. R. Sowman, to Directorate of Equipment, Air Ministry, 1.1.38.

Accountant Branch

Squadron Leaders.—W. W. Deane, to H.Q., Training Command, Market Drayton; for Accountant duties, 25.1.38. C. G. Prior, to No. 10, F.T.S., Tern Hill; for Accountant duties, 17.1.38. S. C. George, to R.A.F. Station, Lee-on-the-Solent; for Accountant duties, 18.1.38.

Flight Lieutenant.—J. L. Armstrong, to R.A.F. Station, Andover, 21.1.38.

Medical Branch

Wing Commanders.—T. V. O'Brien, to No. 2 F.T.S., Brize Norton; for duty as Medical Officer, 22.1.38. R. S. Overton, to H.Q., Training Command, Market Drayton; for duty as Medical Officer, 25.1.38.

Squadron Leader.—L. Freeman, to R.A.F. Hospital, Cranwell; for duty as Medical Officer, 20.1.38.

Flight Lieutenants.—D. J. Sheehan, to R.A.F. Station, Biggin Hill, 25.1.38. F. W. P. Dixon, M.B.E., to Central Medical Establishment, London, 26.1.38. J. F. Sandow, to R.A.F. Station, Gosport, 28.1.38.

Dental Branch

Flight Lieutenants.—L. E. Bellsham-Revell, to No. 7 F.T.S., Peterborough, 31.1.38. V. H. Weeks, to R.A.F. Station, Abingdon, 17.1.38.

Owing to the greatly increased length of these lists as a result of R.A.F. expansion, ranks are confined to those of Flight Lieutenant and above.

FOREIGN SERVICE NEWS

Battleships and Bombers

SENATOR ROBERT R. REYNOLDS recently told the U.S. Senate that for every battleship costing sixty million dollars the Government could buy nearly 200 modern bombers which could be shuttled from California to the Atlantic Coast in a fraction of the time and at the same expense involved in the movement of one surface ship between the two areas. The Senator revealed that a Boeing B7 bomber (four Wright Cyclones) costs about 300,000 dollars fully equipped. To quote his speech: "... a fleet of bombers could leave San Francisco this morning at six o'clock and at six o'clock to-night 200 birds of battle, with steel beaks, would be cruising over New York City."

The other day Admiral Leahy, of Naval Operations, announced that "it is the opinion of the navies of the world that the modern battleship is the best defence against air attack." The Admiral could not have been far wrong in his stated belief that the American Navy has the best-trained and most efficient air service in existence. It may take special pride in its squadrons of consolidated patrol bombers, which have made some meritorious long-distance flights.

Mr. Kashimura Regrets . . .

READERS will remember the startling photograph which appeared in *Flight* of January 20, showing a Mitsubishi fighter returning to its base with one wing almost completely shot away. Now from a Japanese correspondent comes an account of the incident that deserves quotation exactly as received:

"In an air raid on Nanchung on December 9th, 1937, 3rd warrant officer, Mr. Kashimura, one of Naval fighter pilots, escorting our group of bombers, engaged in an air combat with many of Chinese fighters on the sky of Nanchung. He brought down one of their Curtiss Hawks, but the next moment his machine came into collision with one of enemy planes. Both planes lost their balance in the air and fell to the ground. The Chinese fighter crashed into the ground, but Mr. Kashimura managed to recover his balance scarcely on the surface of the ground by his skilful work and escaped from clashing. And, he bravely succeeded in returning safely, flying 600 kms. back to his base on the damaged plane, which was deprived of almost half of left main wing. Arriving his base he is said to have remarked as follow: "Sorry, I lost my half wing."

**JAPANESE
"HEAVY":** A heavy bomber of the Japanese Navy believed to be of the Navy 96 type. The engines are B.M.W.s of old vintage built under licence.

